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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT Address to: Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket	GUID-012CON
	Confirmation No.	5237
	First Named Inventor	Hu, Lawrence W.
	Application Number	09/900,503
	Filing Date	07/06/2001
	Group Art Unit	3625
	Examiner Name	Smith, Jeffrey A.
	Title	Surgical Retractor Platform Blade Apparatus

Sir:

Prior to examination of the current application in view of the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the current application as follows: